

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An apparatus for reproducing contents recorded on a recording medium
2 exchangeably loaded therein in a predetermined order and for reproducing the
3 same skipingly regardless the predetermined order, the apparatus comprising:

4 a diskriminator for diskriminating the contents of the loaded recording
5 medium;

6 a registration controller for accepting skipped section information
7 including a start point and a termination point of a section to be reproduced
8 skipingly and for associating the skipped section information with the
9 diskriminated contents;

10 a point table for storing a plurality of the skipped section information
11 associated with the respective contents; and

12 a reproduction controller for reading out at least one of the skipped
13 section information stored in the point table in accordance with the diskriminated
14 contents, and for skipingly reproducing the contents in accordance with the read
15 out skipped section information.

1 2. The reproduction apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
2 diskriminator diskriminates the contents of the loaded recording medium based
3 on diskrimination information recorded on the loaded recording medium.

1 3. A method for skipingly reproducing contents recorded on a recording
2 medium exchangeably loaded in an reproduction apparatus, comprising the steps
3 of:

4 diskriminating the contents of the loaded recording medium;
5 accepting skipped section information including a start point and a
6 termination point of a section to be reproduced skipingly;
7 registering the accepted skipped section information in a point table
8 while associating with the diskriminated contents;
9 reading out the skipped section information registered in the point table
10 in accordance with the diskriminated contents; and
11 skipingly reproducing the contents in accordance with the read out
12 skipped section information.

1 4. The reproduction method as set forth in claim 3, wherein a plurality of
2 the skipped section information associated with the respective contents are
3 registered in the point table; and
4 wherein at least one of the skipped section information is selected in
5 accordance with the diskriminated contents to be skipingly reproduced.

1 5. The reproduction method as set forth in claim 3, wherein the contents of
2 the loaded recording medium is diskriminated based on diskrimination information
3 recorded on the loaded recording medium.